Saskatchewan Labour Force Statistics

April 2013

UNADJUSTED DATA

According to the Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey for the week ended April 20, 2013, there were 548,500 persons employed in Saskatchewan during April 2013, an increase of 800 from March 2013 and 16,700 more than the number employed in April 2012.

Agricultural employment was 40,000 persons in April 2013, down 1,500 from the March 2013 level but 2,800 more than the April 2012 agricultural employment level of 37,200. Non-agricultural employment was 508,500 persons in April 2013. This is an increase of 2,300 from the March 2013 non-agriculture employment level of 506,200 and 13,900 more than April 2012.

The Saskatchewan unemployment rate for April 2013 was 4.4 percent. This is an increase of 0.4 percentage points from the March 2013 rate of 4.0 percent but 1.0 percentage points lower than the April 2012 level of 5.4 percent.

Saskatchewan's labour force increased by 3,100 to 573,600 persons in April 2013 from 570,500 persons in March 2013. This is 11,700 more than the April 2012 labour force of 561,900 persons.

The Saskatchewan participation rate rose 0.3 percentage points to 69.8 percent in April 2013 from 69.5 percent in March 2013. The April 2012 participation rate for Saskatchewan was 69.6 percent.

There were 25,100 persons unemployed in Saskatchewan during April 2013. This is an increase of 2,300 from March 2013 but is 5,000 less than the number unemployed in April 2012.

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

On a seasonally adjusted basis there were 553,200 persons employed in Saskatchewan in April 2013, down 1,500 from the March 2013 level of 554,700 but up 16,400 from the April 2012 employment level of 536,800 persons.

The Saskatchewan seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for April 2013 was 4.0 percent. This is an increase of 0.1 percentage points from the March 2013 rate of 3.9 percent but 0.9 percentage points lower than the April 2012 rate of 4.9 percent.

CANADIAN DATA

Canadian employment increased by 141,800 persons in April 2013 to 17,490,100 persons from 17,348,300 persons in March 2013. In April 2012, there were 17,338,800 persons employed in Canada.

Canada's unemployment rate decreased 0.3 percentage points in April 2013 to 7.4 percent from the March 2013 level of 7.7 percent. In April 2012, Canada's unemployment rate was 7.5 percent.

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for Canada was 7.2 percent in April 2013. This is unchanged from March 2013 and 0.1 percentage points lower than the April 2012 level of 7.3 percent.

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TABLE 1

SUMMARY LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS, CANADA AND THE PRAIRIE PROVINCES

	April 2013	March 2013	April 2012	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
CANADA					
Labour Force ('000)	18,893.8	18,802.7	18,751.3	91.1	142.5
Employed ('000)	17,490.1	17,348.3	17,338.8	141.8	151.3
Full-Time ('000)	14,079.6	13,889.0	13,898.5	190.6	181.1
Part-Time ('000)	3,410.4	3,459.3	3,440.3	-48.9	-29.9
Unemployed ('000)	1,403.7	1,454.4	1,412.5	-50.7	-8.8
Unemployment Rate (%)	7.4	7.7	7.5	-0.3	-0.1
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	7.2	7.2	7.3	0.0	-0.1
Participation Rate (%)	66.1	65.9	66.4	0.2	-0.3
SASKATCHEWAN					
Labour Force ('000)	573.6	570.5	561.9	3.1	11.7
Employed ('000)	548.5	547.7	531.8	0.8	16.7
Full-Time ('000)	444.1	445.4	435.8	-1.3	8.3
Part-Time ('000)	104.4	102.3	96.1	2.1	8.3
Unemployed ('000)	25.1	22.8	30.1	2.3	-5.0
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.4	4.0	5.4	0.4	-1.0
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	4.0	3.9	4.9	0.1	-0.9
Participation Rate (%)	69.8	69.5	69.6	0.3	0.2
ALBERTA					
Labour Force ('000)	2,259.5	2,257.6	2,230.3	1.9	29.2
Employed ('000)	2,157.3	2,146.8	2,118.5	10.5	38.8
Full-Time ('000)	1,824.2	1,807.9	1,740.4	16.3	83.8
Part-Time ('000)	333.0	338.9	378.1	-5.9	-45.1
Unemployed ('000)	102.2	110.8	111.8	-8.6	-9.6
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.5	4.9	5.0	-0.4	-0.5
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	4.4	4.8	4.9	-0.4	-0.5
Participation Rate (%)	71.8	72.0	73.1	-0.2	-1.3
MANITOBA					
Labour Force ('000)	661.5	663.1	660.7	-1.6	0.8
Employed ('000)	623.5	629.5	625.9	-6.0	-2.4
Full-Time ('000)	495.7	496.8	500.1	-1.1	-4.4
Part-Time ('000)	127.8	132.7	125.8	-4.9	2.0
Unemployed ('000)	38.0	33.6	34.8	4.4	3.2
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.7	5.1	5.3	0.6	0.4
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	5.8	5.0	5.3	0.8	0.5
Participation Rate (%)	68.1	68.4	68.7	-0.3	-0.6

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 2

SASKATCHEWAN LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

	April 2013	March 2013	April 2012	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
LABOUR FORCE ('000)	573.6	570.5	561.9	3.1	11.7
Male	306.7	305.7	303.0	1.0	3.7
Female	266.9	264.8	258.9	2.1	8.0
15-24 Years of Age	89.8	89.8	91.9	0.0	-2.1
25+ Years of age	483.8	480.7	470.0	3.1	13.8
EMPLOYED ('000)	548.5	547.7	531.8	0.8	16.7
Male	292.4	292.6	287.3	-0.2	5.1
Female	256.1	255.1	244.5	1.0	11.6
15-24 Years of Age	81.3	81.6	81.7	-0.3	-0.4
25+ Years of age	467.2	466.2	450.1	1.0	17.1
UNEMPLOYED ('000)	25.1	22.8	30.1	2.3	-5.0
Male	14.3	13.1	15.7	1.2	-1.4
Female	10.8	9.7	14.4	1.1	-3.6
15-24 Years of Age	8.5	8.3	10.2	0.2	-1.7
25+ Years of age	16.6	14.5	19.9	2.1	-3.3
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)	4.4	4.0	5.4	0.4	-1.0
Male	4.7	4.3	5.2	0.4	-0.5
Female	4.0	3.7	5.6	0.3	-1.6
15-24 Years of Age	9.5	9.2	11.1	0.3	-1.6
25+ Years of age	3.4	3.0	4.2	0.4	-0.8
PARTICIPATION RATE (%)	69.8	69.5	69.6	0.3	0.2
Male	75.0	74.9	75.6	0.1	-0.6
Female	64.6	64.2	63.6	0.4	1.0
15-24 Years of Age	65.7	65.7	67.4	0.0	-1.7
25+ Years of age	70.6	70.3	70.0	0.3	0.6

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*
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TABLE 3

SASKATCHEWAN EMPLOYED LABOUR FORCE

	April 2013	March 2013	April 2012	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
INDUSTRY ('000)					
Agriculture	40.0	41.5	37.2	-1.5	2.8
Forestry, Fishing, Mining and Oil & Gas	22.2	24.6	25.0	-2.4	-2.8
Utilities	4.9	5.0	5.6	-0.1	-0.7
Construction	43.7	45.9	42.3	-2.2	1.4
Manufacturing	26.0	26.9	27.5	-0.9	-1.5
Trade	85.3	84.5	80.2	0.8	5.1
Transportation and Warehousing	27.8	25.7	26.6	2.1	1.2
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate & Leasing	29.0	28.4	30.4	0.6	-1.4
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	27.4	27.5	24.4	-0.1	3.0
Business, Building and Other Support Services	10.8	10.9	11.9	-0.1	-1.1
Educational Services	50.3	48.0	45.0	2.3	5.3
Health Care and Social Assistance	74.8	74.2	69.5	0.6	5.3
Information, Culture and Recreation	16.1	17.3	19.4	-1.2	-3.3
Accommodation and Food Services	32.7	30.9	33.0	1.8	-0.3
Other Services	27.0	27.2	23.4	-0.2	3.6
Public Administration	30.5	29.2	30.2	1.3	0.3
Total	548.5	547.7	531.8	0.8	16.7
HOURS OF WORK ('000)					
Full-Time	444.1	445.4	435.8	-1.3	8.3
Part-Time	104.4	102.3	96.1	2.1	8.3
CLASS OF WORKER ('000)					
Employees	440.3	438.1	434.4	2.2	5.9
Public Sector	146.8	142.4	137.2	4.4	9.6
Private Sector	293.5	295.7	297.2	-2.2	-3.7
Self-Employed	108.2	109.7	97.4	-1.5	10.8

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*
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TABLE 4

CANADIAN AND PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

	April 2013	March 2013	April 2012	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
EMPLOYMENT ('000)					
Canada	17,490.1	17,348.3	17,338.8	141.8	151.3
Newfoundland & Labrador	225.8	224.6	226.1	1.2	-0.3
Prince Edward Island	71.7	70.7	69.5	1.0	2.2
Nova Scotia	448.9	442.9	445.3	6.0	3.6
New Brunswick	339.5	338.1	344.7	1.4	-5.2
Quebec	3,975.2	3,929.9	3,935.4	45.3	39.8
Ontario	6,801.6	6,740.8	6,737.7	60.8	63.9
Manitoba	623.5	629.5	625.9	-6.0	-2.4
Saskatchewan	548.5	547.7	531.8	0.8	16.7
Alberta	2,157.3	2,146.8	2,118.5	10.5	38.8
British Columbia	2,298.1	2,277.3	2,304.1	20.8	-6.0
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)					
Canada	7.4	7.7	7.5	-0.3	-0.1
Newfoundland & Labrador	13.7	14.0	13.5	-0.3	0.2
Prince Edward Island	14.4	14.1	14.4	0.3	0.0
Nova Scotia	9.9	10.3	10.0	-0.4	-0.1
New Brunswick	12.6	12.1	11.1	0.5	1.5
Quebec	8.6	8.7	8.7	-0.1	-0.1
Ontario	7.6	8.0	7.7	-0.4	-0.1
Manitoba	5.7	5.1	5.3	0.6	0.4
Saskatchewan	4.4	4.0	5.4	0.4	-1.0
Alberta	4.5	4.9	5.0	-0.4	-0.5
British Columbia	6.4	7.3	6.3	-0.9	0.1

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TABLE 5

CANADIAN AND PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

(Seasonally Adjusted)

	April 2013	March 2013	April 2012	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
EMPLOYMENT ('000)					
Canada	17,654.4	17,641.9	17,491.9	12.5	162.5
Newfoundland & Labrador	232.1	235.1	231.7	-3.0	0.4
Prince Edward Island	75.3	75.0	73.1	0.3	2.2
Nova Scotia	456.2	455.8	454.1	0.4	2.1
New Brunswick	348.0	351.2	352.4	-3.2	-4.4
Quebec	4,022.5	4,019.8	3,978.9	2.7	43.6
Ontario	6,844.7	6,840.9	6,774.0	3.8	70.7
Manitoba	627.7	638.8	629.7	-11.1	-2.0
Saskatchewan	553.2	554.7	536.8	-1.5	16.4
Alberta	2,182.7	2,167.9	2,142.6	14.8	40.1
British Columbia	2,312.1	2,302.6	2,318.7	9.5	-6.6
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)					
Canada	7.2	7.2	7.3	0.0	-0.1
Newfoundland & Labrador	12.4	12.3	12.3	0.1	0.1
Prince Edward Island	11.6	12.1	11.2	-0.5	0.4
Nova Scotia	9.0	9.5	9.1	-0.5	-0.1
New Brunswick	10.9	10.5	9.8	0.4	1.1
Quebec	7.8	7.7	7.9	0.1	-0.1
Ontario	7.7	7.7	7.9	0.0	-0.2
Manitoba	5.8	5.0	5.3	0.8	0.5
Saskatchewan	4.0	3.9	4.9	0.1	-0.9
Alberta	4.4	4.8	4.9	-0.4	-0.5
British Columbia	6.4	7.0	6.3	-0.6	0.1

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TABLE 6

SUB-PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

(3 Month Moving Average)

	April 2013	March 2013	April 2012	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
CANADIAN CITIES UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)					
St. John's	6.3	6.8	7.6	-0.5	-1.3
Halifax	6.8	6.7	6.4	0.1	0.4
Saint John	9.3	9.1	8.8	0.2	0.5
Quebec	5.2	5.3	5.7	-0.1	-0.5
Montreal	8.6	8.6	9.7	0.0	-1.1
Ottawa-Gatineau	6.2	6.3	6.1	-0.1	0.1
Greater Sudbury	8.2	8.3	7.3	-0.1	0.9
Toronto	8.1	8.2	8.2	-0.1	-0.1
Winnipeg	6.0	5.6	5.7	0.4	0.3
Regina	3.7	3.6	4.1	0.1	-0.4
Saskatoon	3.7	3.9	6.1	-0.2	-2.4
Calgary	4.8	5.1	5.1	-0.3	-0.3
Edmonton	4.7	4.4	5.5	0.3	-0.8
Vancouver	6.8	7.0	6.3	-0.2	0.5
Victoria	5.2	5.7	4.9	-0.5	0.3
SASKATCHEWAN ECONOMIC REGIONS EMPLOYMENT ('000)					
Regina-Moose Mountain	172.8	171.9	166.4	0.9	6.4
Swift Current-Moose Jaw	53.3	53.3	48.4	0.0	4.9
Saskatoon-Biggar	187.1	186.8	174.7	0.3	12.4
Yorkton-Melville	38.7	39.1	39.1	-0.4	-0.4
Prince Albert & Northern	95.6	95.3	96.6	0.3	-1.0

Note: All data in this table are three month moving averages, ending in the month specified in the table. For example, the data for July are an average of the three months ending in July (May, June and July)

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TABLE 7

SASKATCHEWAN LABOUR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS BY ABORIGINAL IDENTITY FOR POPULATION 15 YEARS AND OLDER

(3 Month Moving Average)

	April 2013	March 2013	April 2012	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
TOTAL POPULATION					
Labour Force ('000)	570.1	568.6	554.0	1.5	16.1
Employed ('000)	546.5	545.7	524.5	0.8	22.0
Unemployed ('000)	23.6	22.9	29.5	0.7	-5.9
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.1	4.0	5.3	0.1	-1.2
Participation Rate (%)	69.5	69.4	68.7	0.1	0.8
Employment Rate (%)	66.6	66.6	65.0	0.0	1.6
NON-ABORIGINAL					
Labour Force ('000)	523.8	521.7	508.2	2.1	15.6
Employed ('000)	505.8	504.5	485.3	1.3	20.5
Unemployed ('000)	18.1	17.1	22.9	1.0	-4.8
Unemployment Rate (%)	3.4	3.3	4.5	0.1	-1.1
Participation Rate (%)	70.0	69.8	69.1	0.2	0.9
Employment Rate (%)	67.6	67.5	65.9	0.1	1.7
ABORIGINAL					
Labour Force ('000)	46.2	46.9	45.8	-0.7	0.4
Employed ('000)	40.7	41.2	39.2	-0.5	1.5
Unemployed ('000)	5.6	5.7	6.6	-0.1	-1.0
Unemployment Rate (%)	12.0	12.2	14.5	-0.2	-2.5
Participation Rate (%)	64.2	65.2	64.7	-1.0	-0.5
Employment Rate (%)	56.5	57.3	55.3	-0.8	1.2
NORTH AMERICAN INDIAN					
Labour Force ('000)	18.0	18.2	18.2	-0.2	-0.2
Employed ('000)	14.8	15.2	14.4	-0.4	0.4
Unemployed ('000)	3.2	3.0	3.8	0.2	-0.6
Unemployment Rate (%)	17.8	16.4	20.7	1.4	-2.9
Participation Rate (%)	56.8	57.6	58.8	-0.8	-2.0
Employment Rate (%)	46.7	48.2	46.6	-1.5	0.1
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Labour Force ('000)	28.3	28.7	27.3	-0.4	1.0
Employed ('000)	25.9	25.9	24.5	0.0	1.4
Unemployed ('000)	2.4	2.7	2.8	-0.3	-0.4
Unemployment Rate (%)	8.4	9.6	10.2	-1.2	-1.8
Participation Rate (%)	70.0	71.3	69.1	-1.3	0.9
Employment Rate (%)	64.2	64.5	62.0	-0.3	2.2

Notes:

1. The Labour Force Survey collects data on the Saskatchewan civilian, non-institutional, off-reserve population. Beginning in April 2004, questions were added to the survey allowing for the self-identification of Aboriginal identity for Saskatchewan respondents.
2. The North American Indian and Métis categories are single responses only. 'Other' is omitted due to insufficient responses.
3. All data in this table are three month moving averages, ending in the month specified in the table. For example, the data for July are an average of the three months ending in July (May, June and July)
4. Caution should be used when interpretting results. Small sample sizes can result in large standard errors.

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